

**SECTION 04 05 13  
MASONRY MORTARING**

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION:**

A. Section specifies mortar materials and mixes.

**1.2 RELATED WORK:**

A. Mortar used in Section:

1. Section 04 20 00, UNIT MASONRY.

**1.3 TESTING LABORATORY-CONTRACTOR RETAINED**

A. Engage a commercial testing laboratory approved by COR to perform tests specified below.

B. Submit information regarding testing laboratory's facilities and qualifications of technical personnel to COR.

**1.4 TESTS**

A. Test mortar and materials specified.

B. Certified test reports.

C. Identify materials by type, brand name and manufacturer or by origin.

D. Do not use materials until laboratory test reports are approved by COR.

E. After tests have been made and materials approved, do not change without additional test and approval of COR.

F. Testing:

1. Test materials proposed for use for compliance with specifications in accordance with test methods contained in referenced specifications and as follows:

2. Mortar:

a. Test for compressive strength and water retention; ASTM C270.

b. Mortar compressive strengths 28 days as follows:

Type M: Minimum 17230 kPa (2500 psi) at 28 days.

Type S: Minimum 12400 kPa (1800 psi) at 28 days.

Type N: Minimum 5170 kPa (750 psi) at 28 days.

3. Cement:

a. Test for water soluble alkali (nonstaining) when nonstaining cement is specified.

b. Nonstaining cement shall contain not more than 0.03 percent water soluble alkali.

4. Sand: Test for deleterious substances, organic impurities, soundness and grading.

G. During progress of work, testing laboratory specified in Section 01 45 29, TESTING LABORATORY SERVICES, takes and tests samples as specified in that section. Testing procedures and test methods in ASTM C780.

**1.5 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 23, SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, AND SAMPLES.
- B. Certificates:
  - 1. Testing laboratory's facilities and qualifications of its technical personnel.
  - 2. Indicating that following items meet specifications:
    - a. Portland cement.
    - b. Masonry cement.
    - c. Mortar cement.
    - d. Hydrated lime.
    - e. Fine aggregate (sand).
    - g. Color admixture.
- C. Laboratory Test Reports:
  - 1. Mortar, each type.
  - 2. Admixtures.
- D. Manufacturer's Literature and Data:
  - 1. Cement, each kind.
  - 2. Hydrated lime.
  - 3. Admixtures.
  - 4. Liquid acrylic resin.

**1.6 PRODUCT DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING**

- A. Deliver masonry materials in original sealed containers marked with name of manufacturer and identification of contents.
- B. Store masonry materials under waterproof covers on planking clear of ground, and protect damage from handling, dirt, stain, water and wind.

**1.7 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS**

- A. Publications listed below form a part of specification to extent referenced. Publications are referenced in text by basic designation only.
- B. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):
  - C40-04..... Organic Impurities in Fine Aggregates for  
Concrete
  - C91-05..... Masonry Cement

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| C144-04.....  | Aggregate for Masonry Mortar  |
| C150-09.....  | Portland Cement   |
| C207-06.....  | Hydrated Lime for Masonry Purposes  |
| C270-10.....  | Mortar for Unit Masonry   |
| C780-10.....  | Preconstruction and Construction Evaluation of<br>Mortars for Plain and Reinforced Unit Masonry |
| C979-10.....  | Pigments for Integrally Colored Concrete  |
| C1329-05..... | Mortar Cement   |

**PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

**2.1 HYDRATED LIME**

- A. ASTM C207, Type S.

**2.2 AGGREGATE FOR MASONRY MORTAR**

- A. ASTM C144 and as follows:
  - 1. Light colored sand for mortar for laying face brick.
  - 2. White plastering sand meeting sieve analysis for mortar joints for pointing and laying of structural facing tile units except that 100 percent passes No. 8 sieve, and not more than 5 percent retained on No. 16 sieve.
- B. Test sand for color value in accordance with ASTM C40. Sand producing color darker than specified standard is unacceptable.

**2.3 MASONRY CEMENT**

- A. ASTM C91. Type N, S, or M.

**2.4 MORTAR CEMENT**

- A. ASTM C1329, Type N, S or M.

**2.5 PORTLAND CEMENT**

- A. ASTM C150, Type I.

**2.6 WATER**

- A. Potable, free of substances that are detrimental to mortar, masonry, and metal.

**2.7 MASONRY MORTAR**

- A. Conform to ASTM C270.
- B. Admixtures:
  - 1. Do not use mortar admixtures, and color admixtures unless approved by COR.
  - 2. Submit laboratory test report showing effect of proposed admixture on strength, water retention, and water repellency of mortar.
  - 3. Do not use antifreeze compounds.

**PART 3 - EXECUTION**

**3.1 MIXING**

- A. Mix in a mechanically operated mortar mixer.
  - 1. Mix mortar for at least three minutes but not more than five minutes.
- B. Measure ingredients by volume. Measure by the use of a container of known capacity.
- C. Mix water with dry ingredients in sufficient amount to provide a workable mixture which will adhere to vertical surfaces of masonry units.
- D. Mortar that has stiffened because of loss of water through evaporations:
  - 1. Re-tempered by adding water to restore to proper consistency and workability.
  - 2. Discard mortar that has reached its initial set or has not been used within two hours.

**3.2 MORTAR USE LOCATION**

- A. Use Type S mortar for masonry containing vertical reinforcing bars (non-engineered).
- B. Use Type N mortar for other masonry work, except as otherwise specified.

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